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NEWS RELEASE

Andrew T. Baxter, Acting United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, and John Pikus, Special Agent In Charge of the FBI, Albany Division, today announced that Chief U.S. Federal District Court Judge Norman A. Mordue sentenced Dominic Bonanza, 34, of Clayville, New York to serve 18 months in Federal Prison following his guilty plea to possession of cocaine with intent to distribute in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1). Bonanza is a prospective member, i.e., a “prospect” of the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club NOMADS chapter. Following his release from federal prison Bonanza will also be required to serve three years on supervised release. David Lust a/k/a/ HA Dave, 46, of Poland New York, also pled guilty to cocaine distribution and was likewise sentenced to serve 18 months in Federal Prison followed by three years of supervised release.

In a related case, Chief Judge Mordue also sentenced James Henry McAuley, Jr. a/k/a “Mitch”, 59, Vice President of the Rochester Hells Angels Chapter, was sentenced to serve eight years in federal prison following his conviction for conspiring to murder members of a rival motorcycle club that was attempting to establish a presence in Fulton, New York.

Given the club's code of silence and the difficulties typically associated with convincing witnesses to testify against members and associates of the club, Acting United States Attorney Baxter commended the collaborative efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New York State Police, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, and the Oneida County Sheriff's Department. He also expressed his appreciation of the support and cooperation provided by Donald Dodd and the District Attorney's Office in Oswego County.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Greg West who can be reached at (315) 448-0672.